

TNT Output At Arsenal to Be Curtailed

A curtailment of the production of TNT at the Kankakee unit of the Joliet Arsenal was announced today by Paul Blunt, plant manager for the United States Rubber Co., operating contractor of the explosives plant.

The production cutback will go into effect Sept. 1, and will result in the layoff of approximately 300 employees, Blunt estimated. He added that the rubber company had received current production schedules from the Ordnance Ammunition Command which schedule the manufacture of TNT through April 1959, but at a reduced level.

In addition to the reduction of TNT production, the manufacture of DNT, a propellant also produced at the plant, will be discontinued completely.

As has been the case in previous production cutbacks, wherever possible the resulting personnel reductions will be accomplished by not replacing employees who have been transferred to other plants within the company or those who have resigned.

The production curtailment is a result of an overall reduction in ammunition production schedules throughout the country since the conclusion of the Korean war.